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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2607

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2607 would allow rural water districts to conduct their elections by mail ballot if the district's bylaws permit the mail ballot election.

The House Committee of the Whole amendment was primarily technical in nature.

The Senate Committee of the Whole added an amendment to the groundwater management district law to raise the annual water user charge maximum from \$.60 to \$1 for each acre foot.

Background

This bill was introduced by Representative Sloan. At the hearing on the bill Representative Sloan indicated that he hoped this provision would allow for increased participation in the election of the board members and therefore would be more representative of the patrons of the district. Also appearing in support of the bill was a representative of Rural Water District #5 in Douglas County and a spokesperson from the Kansas Water Office. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by the Kansas Rural Water Association. There were no opponents to the bill.

The fiscal note indicates that the Office of the Secretary of State states that the passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on its office, or on any county or local governments. Rural water districts would be responsible for the costs of any mail elections.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.accesskansas.org/legislature/>